

STEADY IMPROVEMENT IN FOREIGN COMMERCE

Secretary McAdoo Keeps in Daily Touch With Fluctuations of Imports and Exports.

SHOWS COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Returns for October Trade Indicate Continuation of September's Gains. Statement Issued From Department of Commerce.

WASHINGTON, November 16.—The pulse of the nation's foreign commerce is showing steady improvement, according to the daily telegraphic statements received by Secretary McAdoo from the ten leading ports of entry. Import business of last Saturday, based on reports from ports handling 87 per cent of all imports, amounted to \$2,330,512; exports from these ports handling 72 per cent of all exports amounted to \$10,421,551. The daily average for these ports in November, 1913, was, imports, \$4,923,397; exports, \$6,983,426.

Secretary McAdoo determined last month to keep in closest touch with the foreign commerce of the United States, noting from day to day the fluctuations of imports and exports. To that end he ordered the ten largest custom-houses to make daily reports. The result is tabulated with comparative figures in the following statement from the department of commerce.

Since the 1st of November the total of the import report is \$51,627,759; exports, \$77,590,000. Since October 1 the totals have been: imports, \$1,567,759; exports, \$213,300,874.

Complete returns of October trade indicate a continuation of September's improvement. October imports, though \$2,090,000 less than in the preceding month, were \$5,000,000 more than those of October last year. October exports were \$39,239,239 more than those of the previous month, and \$76,500,000 below the corresponding month of last year, when they rose to the highest point on record.

Exports exclusive of cotton in October, 1914, were \$10,333,000 more than in the corresponding month of last year, while cotton exports fell \$86,965,164 below October, 1913, thus bringing the month's grand total of exports to \$78,577,612 below that of October a year ago, says a statement from the department of commerce.

The actual export balance for the month was \$57,305,074, compared with \$10,982,722 in September, and an import balance of \$19,000,396 in August. Two years ago the October exports balance was \$76,645,518; last year the same month showed an export balance of \$128,312,162.

The detailed figures are: October imports, \$1,567,759 against \$1,229,949 last year. Ten months' imports, \$15,445,429,562 against \$14,460,334,375 last year. October, exports, \$1,567,759, compared with \$2,718,651,454 last year. Ten months' exports, \$15,662,884,841 against \$2,005,253,822 last year. The month's imports, \$2,330,512, entered free of duty, in comparison with 61.36 per cent last year.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION ENDS ANNUAL SESSIONS

Inspiring Addresses by Foreign Missionaries at Old-New Officers Elected.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FREDERICKSBURG, Va., November 16.—The Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia, which has been in session here since last Thursday, concluded its annual sessions at the executive board holding its final session this morning. The services yesterday and last night included inspiring addresses by Miss Lanneau, missionary to China; Miss M. E. U. Jacob, of Rochester, N. Y.; Mrs. George Green, missionary to Africa; and Miss Marie Buhlman, of the port of Baltimore mission work. Officers were elected as follows: president, Mrs. W. C. James; first vice-president, Miss E. Savage; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Julian P. Thomas; recording secretary, Miss Alta Foster; assistant recording secretary, Miss E. Willingham; treasurer, Mr. E. U. Jacob; auditor, Mrs. William Elyson; young people's leader, Miss Alice Taylor; executive board, Mrs. A. M. Gwathmey, Mrs. J. P. Love, Mrs. W. D. Duke, Mrs. L. T. Wilson, Mrs. Beulah White, Miss Sue Herring, Mrs. J. J. Wicker, Mrs. H. H. Montague, Mrs. J. E. Lewis, Mrs. R. L. Barker, Mrs. H. E. Gambia, Mrs. J. A. Barker, Mrs. J. L. McCutcheon, chairman; Mrs. W. E. Elliot, secretary. Most of the delegates left for their homes to-day.

The annual sessions of the Orange County, lost by fire a few nights ago a stable, cornhouse, large quantity of grain and a number of agricultural implements and several vehicles. Loss, \$2500, with only \$200 insurance.

Rev. H. J. Goodwin, of Irvington, pastor of the Baptist Churches at Irvington and Weems, Lancaster County, has declined a call to become pastor of a Baptist Church in Washington.

The Orange County Teachers' Association has elected the following officers: Thomas A. Russell, president; Miss R. M. G. Gray, secretary; Mrs. Lella K. Row, treasurer; B. A. Cunningham, president athletic association; Miss Mary S. Briggs and Prof. E. E. Boone, delegates to the State Teachers' Association in Richmond; Prof. Walker and Miss Addie Cowherd alternates.

MAY OPERATE COAL MINES UNDER GUARD OF TROOPS

Federal Judge Gives Receiver Additional Authority for Working Mines Controlled by Company.

FORT SMITH, ARK., November 16.—Within the next twenty-four hours United States troops in Hartford Valley probably will be guarding employees of Bache-Denman mining interests working under Frank Denman, federal receiver for the properties. Federal Judge Frank Youmans to-day issued an order giving the receiver additional authority to operate certain mines controlled by the company.

Mr. Bache to-night declined to discuss his plans, but it is believed probable that a force of nonunion miners will be sent into Hartford Valley to-morrow.

Everything was quiet at Prairie Creek to-day. Lieutenant-Colonel A. W. Brewster arrived for the purpose. It was stated, of investigating the delay in the movement of the Fifth Cavalry from Fort Sheridan when they were ordered to Prairie Creek.

PLANS NO INTERFERENCE WITH LATIN-AMERICA

Bryan Says Purpose of Inquiries Into Alleged Neutrality Violations Is Misunderstood.

SIMPLY TO ASCERTAIN FACTS

Thinks Effort Should Be Made to Assist Government Instead of Attempting to Embarrass It by Misrepresentation.

WASHINGTON, November 16.—Secretary Bryan to-day declared the United States, in making inquiries of its ministers in Ecuador and Colombia for information about alleged neutrality violations, had no "thought of interfering in the remotest way with the governments of the Latin-American countries."

"Some of the papers have entirely misunderstood the purpose and scope of the inquiries made," said the secretary's statement. "We simply asked our representatives to ascertain the facts, and there has been no thought of interfering in the remotest way with the governments of the Latin-American countries."

"No request for interference has been either made by Great Britain or France. It would seem as if, at a time like this, newspapers of this country would endeavor to assist the government instead of attempting to embarrass it by misinterpretation and inexcusable misrepresentation of what it does."

STATEMENT IN BEHALF OF COLOMBIAN LEGATION

Mr. Bryan also gave out in behalf of the Colombian legation here a statement reciting the Colombian government's efforts to censor wireless stations. It said:

"The Colombian legation here has given to the State Department the following information, with permission to make it public:

"The Colombian government has no wireless station on the Pacific coast. A private company owns a radio station on the Atlantic coast, but the government has a contract giving it full rights of inspection and censorship in case of war."

"Complaints having been made by the British legation that the office was not in the hands of a characterized expert, the Colombian government employed a professional expert, and reopened the station."

"Further complaint having been made against the employment of aliens, four foreign employees were dismissed. Later a complaint has been made that plain words and phrases may be used with a conventional and secret meaning, but the Colombian government has not felt this was a sufficient reason for closing the station to commercial use. This is the only pending question."

INNES AND WIFE TO FIGHT EXTRADITION TO ATLANTA

Relieved in District Court of Charges of Murder, Immediately Recaptured on Larceny Charge.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, November 16.—Victor E. Innes, of Eugene, Ore., and his wife, relieved in the District Court here today of charges of murder and conspiracy to murder in connection with the disappearance several months ago of Mrs. Elois Nelms Dennis and her sister, Miss Beatrice Nelms, of Atlanta, Ga., will resist extradition to Atlanta, where they are wanted on a charge of larceny after trust.

An application for a writ of habeas corpus filed in their behalf late today, alleges that the charges in connection with the disappearance of the woman, and contests the liability of the extradition warrant, asserting that it was not approved in person by Governor Colquhoun of Texas. The application was made returnable before Judge Anderson in District Court on Wednesday.

Innes and his wife were formally released from custody to-day, when a jury returned an instructed verdict of not guilty, the district attorney stating that the prosecution had been unable to establish actual proof of the death of the Atlanta woman. They were immediately recaptured, however, on the charges pending in Georgia.

ADJUDGED BANKRUPT.

WASHINGTON, November 16.—Lewis Johnson & Co., one of the oldest private banking firms here, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy to-day, and was adjudged bankrupt. No schedule of assets and liabilities was published.

DANVILLE RAISES \$500 FOR BELGIAN RELIEF FUND

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
DANVILLE, Va., November 16.—Nearly \$500 has been subscribed to the local Belgian relief fund, which was raised at Wednesday night at a mass-meeting in the Presbyterian Church. A committee of canvassers is at work, and it is hoped to raise at least \$3,000. The sums subscribed so far range from \$30 to 25 cents. The money will later be sent to the State fund.

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BUSINESS DEPRESSION IN U. S. IS VANISHING

Hopeful Outlook for American Ventures Summarized in Letter by Secretary Redfield.

GREAT IMPROVEMENT MADE

No Longer Serious Concern Over Financial Future—Mills Busy, Factories on Full Time and Number of Unemployed Grows Less.

WASHINGTON, November 16.—All information reaching governmental departments here indicates that the depression which overtook business enterprises in the United States when the war storm burst is vanishing. The hopeful outlook for American ventures was summarized to-day by Secretary Redfield in a letter to the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, in which he declared:

"Let the worst be said and admitted that can be said respecting existing business difficulties in America, our condition still remains, not only relatively bright, but rapidly improving, and in many respects both prosperous and promising."

"One cannot but sympathize with the misfortunes that have befallen industries in all the belligerent countries," said Mr. Redfield, "and, therefore, so threaten our own. No observer of the large movements of our commerce to-day fails to recognize the great improvement that has been made in business conditions within the last few weeks, and which is still progressing."

"The course of exchange has become more normal. Clearing-house certificates are being retired. Large sums of emergency notes have been withdrawn, and with the opening of the Federal reserve system great additional supplies of loanable funds have become available. There is no longer serious concern over our financial future. Cotton has begun to move, and existing arrangements promise relief from the shadow which so long has hung over the South."

TANGIBLE FACTS GIVE MARKED HOPEFUL FEELING

"He who wants may read plain facts which show on every side not only a marked hopeful feeling in industry, but tangible facts on which such feeling rests. All problems are not worked out yet to perfect solution."

"Nevertheless, many sides mills are busy, and factories running full time or overtime; the number of unemployed is steadily getting less."

"The coming winter throws no such dark shadow before as was feared a few weeks ago, and the statement is beginning to be heard here and there that goods cannot be delivered as promptly as they are wanted, because the factories are too busy. The world abroad is turning toward America for a large portion of its supplies, and the phrase 'Buy in America' has come to have a potency that hitherto has been lacking."

"The improvement in conditions is not wholly due to the war. Great and growing as our exports are, they form but a small portion of all that of the total business that is constantly increasing. A knowledge that products can be sold; the certainty that money can be had to finance business and enterprises have brought back confidence into our domestic markets at the same time that foreign buyers have entered them."

"We may be grateful, therefore, not only that we are better off, but that our suffering brethren beyond the sea, but that we are better placed ourselves at home than we were a few weeks since. We may be glad that the present is good; that it is growing better, and hopeful for the coming months."

WOMAN SUFFRAGE AS AID TO NATIONAL PROHIBITION

W. C. T. U. Speakers Think This Will Hasten Enactment of Laws Against Intoxicants.

ATLANTA, Ga., November 16.—The importance of woman suffrage as an aid to the movement for national constitutional prohibition was emphasized here to-day by speakers at the general convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Practically all the addresses held that votes for women would greatly hasten the enactment of laws stopping the manufacture and sale of intoxicants.

Resolutions adopted to-day recommended President Wilson for his neutrality proclamations in connection with the European war, and praised the establishment of more than a score of peace treaties between the United States and other nations. Secretary Daniels also was lauded for his order barring intoxicants from the United States Navy.

The Federal government, however, was criticized for its legislation to provide a part of the additional revenue recently derived by a tax on alcoholic liquors and tobacco.

Other resolutions favorably acted upon declared in favor of national prohibition, woman suffrage, a single standard of morals for men and women and minimum wage laws, and praised the life of Lillian M. N. Stevens, of Portland, Maine, late president of the temperance union.

Speakers at sessions to-day included Miss Rosa Shattuck and Mrs. Mary L. Woods, of Missouri; Mrs. Minnie Johnson-Grinstead and Mrs. S. Hartsell Wallace, of Kansas; Mrs. Ada W. Unruh, of Oregon; Mrs. M. E. Patterson, of Iowa; and Mrs. Harriett D. Hall, of Illinois.

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This latest addition to Richmond's central offices will serve subscribers transferred from Madison and Randolph central offices who are located West of Allen Avenue and South of the R. F. & P. R. R.

The new issue of the telephone directory, to be delivered before November 21, will contain as far as possible the new telephone numbers.

Please look up telephone numbers in the directory before making calls.

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